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1. On 2 October 1951, only a few soldiers were seen at the former ammunition loading station at Altengrabow (N 53°Z 00). No vehicles and artillery pieces were observed. About 20 to 25 trucks [redacted] were parked at the ammunition depot. An additional 40 to 50 trucks and about 20 artillery pieces were in the gun park about 200 meters east of the Altengrabow railroad station.

The unit quartered in the barracks installation 500 meters northeast of the Altengrabow railroad station was absent from the post, probably at the training grounds. The gun sheds were empty.

The gun park and the sheds southwest of the barracks installation appeared vacant when observed from the street. Expended ammunition casings were loaded on four railroad cars at the Altengrabow railroad station. A unit entrained at the Loburg freight station included: about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia; 12 x 76.2-mm guns on ZIS-3 trucks; and 15 trucks.

[redacted] the unit came from Altengrabow and [redacted] the entraining of units had repeatedly been observed there during October. * [redacted]. A convoy of 12 trucks carrying troops with red-bordered black epaulets and field equipment and 8 x 10-mm AT guns was seen moving south through Loburg.

2. A unit with 12 SU-100 SP guns and 4 four-wheel armored scout cars moved through Gross Luebars toward Altengrabow, coming from the direction of Hohenlobbe. Each SP gun was manned by 6 to 8 soldiers. An artillery unit equipped with 12 model 38 152-mm howitzers with full-track prime movers [redacted] was seen between Gross Luebars and Altengrabow, coming from the direction of Gross Luebars. The prime movers were occupied by eight soldiers each. No practice with live ammunition was observed on 2 October.

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* [redacted] Comment. Loburg is located about 20 km southwest of Altengrabow. It is possible that troops practicing at Altengrabow are being detrained and entrained there. No definite conclusion can be drawn regarding the units' identity from the motor vehicles observed there, since these belong to three different units namely the 14th (?) Gun Arty Brig, the 3d Gds (?) AT Arty Brig, and to a headquarters unit of the Third Shock Army.

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